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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	16742	Agenda Number	63.
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Meeting Date:	8/2/2012	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority to construct a sound wall within the City of Austin's right-of-way adjacent to Great Northern Boulevard. The agreement will also outline the responsibilities related to the installation of trees along Loop 1/MoPac near the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No 20111103-032.
For More Information:	Robert Spillar, 974-2488; Gordon Derr, 974-7228; Gilda Powers, 974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	Reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission (sound wall only).
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in coordination with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), is completing an Environmental Study to construct improvements on MoPac between Parmer Lane and Cesar Chavez Street. As part of the MoPac Improvement Project, the construction of sound walls along portions of the Loop 1/MoPac Corridor is contemplated.

On November 3, 2011, City Council approved Resolution No 20111103-032 permitting the construction of Sound Wall 3 in its right-of-way (ROW) along Great Northern Boulevard and authorized the City Manager to negotiate the appropriate agreement.

The City Manager and the Mobility Authority have completed a draft of the agreement. The general terms of the agreement include:

- The Mobility Authority shall construct Sound Wall 3 in the Great Northern Boulevard ROW.

- While the Mobility Authority shall make reasonable efforts to avoid removal of vegetation and adjustment of utilities, it will likely be necessary to implement some utility relocations and removal of vegetation in order to construct the sound wall.
- The Mobility Authority shall restore or repair, and place in its original condition as nearly as practicable, any utility lines and related structures and any public property in the ROW that is damaged as a result of the construction of Sound Wall 3.
- After the notice of completion, the City shall have the responsibility to maintain, repair, or replace Sound Wall 3 and any improvements or natural features in the ROW in accordance with its standard practices for maintenance, repair, and replacement of improvements within its ROW.

Also included in the agreement are responsibilities related to installation of trees near Austin Memorial Park Cemetery:

- The Mobility Authority agrees to plant trees in TxDOT right-of-way east of Loop 1/MoPac between Hancock Drive and Northland Drive to provide a buffer and screening that benefits the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.
- The type of trees, spacing, and planting requirements shall be coordinated with the City, TxDOT, and the Texas Historic Commission.